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1. Simon Herrera Farfan, secretary general of the Cuzco Departmental Committee of the orthodox Peruvian Communist Party (PCP), recently arrived in Lima. He reportedly will suggest that plans be made for the clandestine holding of a fourth national congress of the Party at which time the Party leadership should be shaken up. According to Herrera, there is strong support for the holding of a fourth national congress to elect a new political commission for the Party. This support comes not only from Cuzco and Arequipa, but from other departments. He states that there is a general feeling that the present political commission is not functioning with enough energy and efficiency.

2. Herrera proposes that the Congress be held in Lima and that it be relatively small so as not to attract attention. He favors having each department send only one or two delegates, which would be elected in clandestine departmental congresses. He believes that it would be a mistake to hold the congress in Arequipa because of continuing tight military controls in that city. Herrera's suggestions coincide with the current agitation by Jose Reccio, secretary general of the orthodox Party's Lima Departmental Committee, for a shake-up in the Party's national leadership.

3. Source reports that Herrera is concerned about the condition of the Party in Cuzco. According to Herrera, a "Trotskyite divisionist" element is seeking to divide the Party in that department. He blames this development on Senator Francisco Tamayo who was elected to Congress on the Odria ticket. Herrera claims that Tamayo is trying to "sabotage" the Party in Cuzco because it opposed him in the recent elections.

4. Herrera left Cuzco to avoid possible arrest in connection with an old pending lawsuit in which he is involved. He believes that the government is planning to arrest the top Communist leaders of the various departments in the country. He traveled to Lima overland via Abancay, Ayacucho, Huancavelica, and Huancayo. He did not stop in Arequipa and did not make any attempt to contact Party Leaders in that city. He will undergo medical treatment in Lima.

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